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# STATISTICAL SUMMARY

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## Crop Acreage About Same As in 1960

Total crop acreage this year is indicated at 330 million acres, about the same as in 1960. Estimate is based on farmers March 1 planting intentions, with allowances made for crops not included in the Crop Reporting Board's intentions survey.

It should be pointed out that unusual changes may take place this year before planting time if an effective feed grain program is adopted. Growers plans were reported before much was known about the proposed feed grain program. Their plans, as reported here, do not reflect changes in acreage which might occur if such a program is put into effect.

## Principal Changes From Last Year

Based on the March intentions, feed grain acreage is expected to show a slight decline from last year, with food grains occupying a larger acreage. Soybean acreage shows the largest gain among major crops, a sharp gain in planted acreage of this crop being indicated. Hay acreage is expected to decline slightly from last year, based on the March intentions. A rundown of acreage changes is shown in the following table.

## Rundown of Prospective Acreages with Percentage Change, This Year Compared with Last

Crop	Planted 1960	Indicated 1961	Increase or Decrease
	1,000 acres	1,000 acres	Percent
Corn, all.....	82,906	82,405	-6
All spring wheat.....	12,420	12,201	-1.8
Durum.....	1,683	1,749	+3.9
Other Spring.....	10,737	10,452	-2.7
Oats.....	32,337	32,480	+4
Barley.....	15,641	15,427	-1.4
Flaxseed.....	3,527	3,179	-9.9
Rice.....	1,614	1,616	+1
Sorghums.....	19,715	18,822	-4.5
Potatoes, all.....	1,457	1,534	+5.3
Sweetpotatoes.....	228	228	same
Tobacco.....	1,144	1,166	+1.9
Beans, dry edible.....	1,475	1,478	+2
Peas, dry field.....	305	331	+8.5
Soybeans.....	24,275	26,426	+8.9
Peanuts.....	1,579	1,545	-2.2
Hay.....	69,294	68,747	-8
Sugar Beets.....	977	1,087	+11.3

## One Percent Larger Wheat Acreage

Total wheat plantings are indicated at 56.1 million acres, up 1 percent from the all wheat acreage planted for the 1960 crop. Winter wheat acreage as estimated in December, at 43.9 million acres, compares with 43.2 million acres last year. All spring wheat, at 12.2 million acres, will be down about 2 percent from that planted in 1960.

## Wheat Crop May Reach 1.3 Billion Bushels

If growers fulfill their planting intentions and yield per planted acre match the 1956-60 aver-

age by States, an all spring wheat crop of 228 million bushels would be produced. Based on conditions as of December 1, 1960, a winter wheat crop of 1,034 million bushels was forecast for 1961. These indicate a possible all wheat crop of 1,262 million bushels in 1961, compared with the 1960 crop of 1,363 million bushels.

## Fall Sown Small Grains Doing Well

Seeding of winter grains was under way at a relatively early date and spread to completion rapidly under favorable fall weather. Moisture supplies were favorable over most of the Central and Southern Plains to stimulate even germination and generally abundant fall growth. The Central and Northern Plains and Western States experienced an open, dry winter with nominal winter losses in prospect. The eastern half of the Nation encountered an unusually cold winter but generous snow cover reduced losses in areas buffeted with severe low temperatures.

## Season More Favorable Than a Year Ago

Weather to date for 1961 has been much more favorable than a year ago for the land prepara-

## Prices of Farm Products

Commodity	Average Prices received by farmers		Effective parity prices
	Jan. 15 1961	Feb. 15 1961	Based on data for Feb. 1961
Basic commodities:			
Cotton, Amer. upland (lb.)..... ct.	27.60	26.90	38.96
Wheat (bu.)..... dol.	1.79	1.81	2.39
Rice (100 lb.)..... dol.	4.86	4.88	6.04
Corn (bu.)..... dol.	.963	1.00	1.62
Peanuts (lb.)..... ct.	10.2	10.8	13.0
Designated nonbasic commodities:			
Milkfat in cream (lb.)..... ct.	60.2	60.7	74.9
Milk, wholesale (100 lb.)..... dol.	4.45	4.35	5.13
Wool (lb.)..... ct.	<sup>2</sup> 39.3	<sup>2</sup> 39.9	75.2
Other nonbasic commodities:			
Barley (bu.)..... dol.	.820	.859	1.25
Cottonseed (ton)..... dol.	44.60	44.70	62.80
Flaxseed (bu.)..... dol.	2.47	2.61	3.81
Hay, baled (ton)..... dol.	21.30	21.20	25.40
Oats (bu.)..... dol.	.598	.602	.843
Potatoes (cwt.)..... dol.	1.89	1.80	2.47
Rye (bu.)..... dol.	.810	.834	1.48
Sorghum grain (100 lb.)..... dol.	1.46	1.48	2.48
Soybeans (bu.)..... dol.	2.23	2.48	2.90
Sweetpotatoes (cwt.)..... dol.	5.03	5.25	5.65
Oranges, on tree (box)..... dol.	3.17	3.54	2.41
Apples, for fresh use (bu.)..... dol.	2.55	2.60	2.60
Beef cattle (100 lb.)..... dol.	20.80	20.70	23.80
Calves (100 lb.)..... dol.	23.50	23.90	26.30
Hogs (100 lb.)..... dol.	16.50	17.60	21.40
Lambs (100 lb.)..... dol.	16.50	16.80	25.30
Chickens, all (lb.)..... ct.	16.0	17.1	25.2
Eggs (dozen)..... ct.	38.6	39.4	46.8

<sup>1</sup> Preliminary.

<sup>2</sup> Average local market price, excluding incentive payment.

tion and planting operations. Farmers are well along with preparations for spring planting with much of the Central and Western areas able to accomplish an unusual amount of winter land preparation.

### Farmers May Change Plans

Acreages actually planted to crops in 1961 may turn out to be larger or smaller than indicated in the March intentions report. Various reasons, such as weather, the agricultural program, and price changes, lead individual farmers to alter their plans. In fact, the Crop Reporting Board issues the intentions report in order to assist growers in making such further acreage changes as may appear desirable.

### Small Increase in Tobacco Acreage

Growers voiced intentions to set 1,166,100 acres of all types of tobacco in 1961. This acreage would be 2 percent above 1960 and, by

### Statistical Series of Interest to Agriculture

Item	1960			1961	
	Feb.	Yr.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.
	Mil.	Mil.	Mil.	Mil.	Mil.
Nonfarm employment, (civilian) <sup>1</sup> .....	59.9	61.0	61.1	59.8	59.9
Farm employment .....	5.3	7.1	5.2	4.9	5.3
Family .....	4.3	5.2	4.3	4.0	4.3
Hired .....	1.0	1.9	.9	.9	1.0
	Index numbers (1947-49 = 100)				
Industrial production <sup>2</sup> .....	166	164	157	155	155
Total personal income payments <sup>3</sup> .....	194	199	200	200	200
Weekly factory earnings <sup>4</sup> .....	174	170	161	158	157
Average earnings of factory workers, per worker <sup>4</sup> .....	172	172	169	170	170
Wholesale prices, all commodities <sup>4</sup> ....	119	120	120	120	120
Farm commodities .....	87	89	89	90	90
Food, processed .....	106	108	109	110	110
Consumer price index <sup>4</sup> .....	126	126	128	127	--
Food .....	117	120	121	121	--
	Index numbers (1910-14 = 100)				
Prices received by farmers .....	233	238	242	241	244
Crops .....	218	221	217	218	221
Food grains .....	208	203	204	207	209
Feed grains and hay .....	153	151	141	146	150
Cotton .....	237	253	243	233	227
Tobacco .....	494	496	520	508	517
Oil bearing crops .....	216	214	217	231	250
Fruit .....	211	236	248	254	259
Commercial vegetables .....	256	234	220	214	213
Livestock and products .....	245	252	263	261	263
Meat animals .....	287	296	296	304	309
Dairy products .....	261	258	278	272	266
Poultry and eggs .....	142	158	178	165	169
Prices paid by farmers:					
All commodities .....	275	275	275	276	277
Used in living .....	289	290	291	291	291
Used in production .....	266	265	265	267	267
Commodities, interest, taxes, and wage rates (parity index) .....	299	299	298	301	302
Farm wage rates, seasonally adjusted..	632	631	613	635	635
Parity ratio (prices received to parity index) .....	78	80	81	80	81

<sup>1</sup> Bureau of the Census.

<sup>2</sup> Federal Reserve Board.

<sup>3</sup> Department of Commerce.

<sup>4</sup> Bureau of Labor Statistics. Any figures not available at press time omitted.

a small margin, the largest since 1956, but 20 percent below average.

Increases over last year in burley, dark types, and Maryland more than offset decreases in cigar types. As was the case last season, all major types are under quotas this year except Pennsylvania Seedleaf and cigar wrapper. Except for a 6 percent increase in burley and a 10 percent decrease in Connecticut Valley binder, basic allotments of types under quotas are unchanged from 1960.

### Little Change in Milk Production

The 9,381 million pounds of milk produced in the U. S. in February amounted to 2 percent less than last year when February had 29 days, but about 7 percent above the February 1950-59 average. On a daily basis, production in February was 1 percent greater than in the same month last year.

Relative to population, February milk production was at the rate of 1.84 pounds per capita per day, only slightly less than for the same month last year and 4 percent below the average for the month.

### Egg Output Down 6 Percent

Hens laid 4,856 million eggs in February, down 6 percent from a year earlier. Decreases

### Livestock and Livestock Products

Item	Unit	January 1960	January 1961
<u>Dairy Production</u>			
Milk .....	Bil. lb.	<sup>1</sup> 19.4	<sup>1</sup> 19.2
Evaporated whole milk .....	Mil. lb.	132.9	142.3
Dry Nonfat milk solids (for human food) .....	Mil. lb.	150.3	152.2
Butter, creamery .....	Mil. lb.	118.6	121.8
Cheese, American .....	Mil. lb.	61.5	84.3
Ice cream .....	Mil. gal.	44.2	44.3
<u>Poultry Production</u>			
Eggs .....	Billions	<sup>1</sup> 10.6	<sup>1</sup> 10.0
Poultry meat <sup>2</sup> .....	Mil. lb.	409	477
Canned poultry .....	Mil. lb.	24.4	48.8
Liquid egg .....	Mil. lb.	43.8	31.1
Dried egg (egg solids) .....	Mil. lb.	2.9	1.9
Frozen egg .....	Mil. lb.	30.9	20.5
Chicks hatched, total <sup>3</sup> .....	Millions	<sup>1</sup> 380.2	<sup>1</sup> 421.7
Chicks hatched, broiler <sup>3</sup> .....	Millions	<sup>1</sup> 318.7	<sup>1</sup> 340.5
Poult hatched: <sup>3</sup>			
Heavy breeds .....	Millions	<sup>1</sup> 10.1	<sup>1</sup> 14.6
Light breeds .....	Millions	<sup>1</sup> 1.4	<sup>1</sup> 1.7
<u>Meat Production<sup>2</sup></u> (dressed weight)			
Beef .....	Mil. lb.	1,192	1,234
Veal .....	Mil. lb.	78	81
Pork .....	Mil. lb.	1,056	946
Lamb and mutton .....	Mil. lb.	68	72
Total red meat .....	Mil. lb.	2,394	2,333
<u>Slaughter<sup>2</sup></u>			
Cattle .....	1,000 head	2,031	2,116
Calves .....	1,000 head	647	666
Hogs .....	1,000 head	7,780	6,793
Sheep and lambs .....	1,000 head	1,376	1,454

<sup>1</sup> Jan. - Feb.

<sup>2</sup> Commercial; excludes farm slaughter.

<sup>3</sup> By commercial hatcheries.



from a year earlier were 11 percent in the N. Atlantic and E. North Central States, 7 percent in the W. North Central, 5 percent in the S. Central, and 2 percent in the S. Atlantic States. In the West, production was up 5 percent.

### Fewer Layers, Egg Prices Up From Year Ago

Layers numbered 295,339,000 on March 1, a decrease of 3 percent from a year earlier.

Eggs in mid-February brought farmers an average of 39.4 cents per dozen, 36 percent above a year earlier.

### Prices Lower for Turkeys and Broilers

Farm chickens brought producers an average of 12.7 cents a pound, liveweight, in mid-February, up 1.1 cents from a year earlier. Broilers averaged 17.6 cents, down 0.1 cents from a year earlier. Turkeys averaged 23.7 cents a pound liveweight compared with 25.7 cents a year earlier.

### Feeding Favorable to Poultrymen, Except for Turkeys

Feeding ratios in mid-February were more favorable to producers of eggs and chickens than a year earlier, but less favorable to turkey producers. Broiler-feed ratio was the same as a year ago.

### Smaller Crops of Oranges and Lemons; More Grapefruit and Tangerines Than Last Year

Orange crop (1960-61 season) at 119 million boxes, is 6 percent less than last year and 2 percent below average. Almost half the crop had been harvested by March 1, about the same as last year.

Grapefruit at 42.3 million boxes, is a near-average crop and 2 percent above last year.

Lemon crop at 15.1 million boxes is down from last year by 17 percent, but 5 percent above average.

Florida tangerines, at 5 million boxes, compare with 2.8 million last year and the average of 4.5 million. Harvest March 1 was 95 percent complete.

### More Winter Potatoes Than Last Year Smaller Early Spring Acreage

March 1 estimate of winter potatoes at 4,222,000 hundredweight, compares with 3,264,000 cwt. produced in 1960. Present estimate is up 187,000 pounds from the February forecast.

Growers of early spring potatoes in Florida and Texas planted 26,000 acres for harvest. This compares with 28,300 acres in 1960.

### Smaller Output of Winter Vegetables

Winter vegetable production was forecast March 1 at 6 percent below last year but still 4 percent above average. Crops substantially smaller than last year are cabbage, carrots, celery, and spinach. Larger crops than last year of such important vegetables as tomatoes and snap beans are partially offsetting.

## Little Change in Land Values

U. S. land values registered no change from July 1 to November 1, 1960 and on the latter date were only six-tenths of 1 percent above a year earlier. Thus the steady upward trend in market values of farm real estate that had prevailed with only two interruptions since 1941 came to a halt in 1960. For further details, see "Current Developments in the Farm Real Estate Market," released by ARS on March 3.

## CURRENT ESTIMATES

### Cash Receipts from Farm Marketings, by States, January 1961<sup>1</sup>

State	Livestock and products	Crops	Total
	1,000 dollars	1,000 dollars	1,000 dollars
Maine .....	10,691	6,986	17,677
New Hampshire.....	4,463	879	5,342
Vermont.....	10,056	798	10,854
Massachusetts.....	9,345	3,511	12,856
Rhode Island.....	1,357	543	1,900
Connecticut.....	8,571	4,284	12,855
New York.....	55,024	15,891	70,915
New Jersey.....	14,918	4,462	19,380
Pennsylvania.....	47,939	15,453	63,392
Ohio.....	53,506	31,624	85,130
Indiana.....	62,720	39,238	101,958
Illinois.....	110,367	117,045	227,412
Michigan.....	34,557	21,038	55,595
Wisconsin.....	96,545	11,301	107,846
Minnesota.....	100,424	52,510	152,934
Iowa.....	172,320	114,482	286,802
Missouri.....	58,193	23,340	81,533
North Dakota.....	18,337	32,204	50,541
South Dakota.....	48,165	23,656	71,821
Nebraska.....	71,273	80,284	151,557
Kansas.....	58,407	93,522	151,929
Delaware.....	5,701	1,158	6,859
Maryland.....	15,109	3,036	18,145
Virginia.....	16,719	11,803	28,522
West Virginia.....	4,980	1,714	6,694
North Carolina.....	23,795	14,576	38,371
South Carolina.....	9,437	7,689	17,126
Georgia.....	35,025	7,885	42,910
Florida.....	21,153	99,917	121,070
Kentucky.....	21,830	48,194	70,024
Tennessee.....	17,260	22,327	39,587
Alabama.....	24,836	4,469	29,305
Mississippi.....	20,548	13,804	34,352
Arkansas.....	16,412	37,052	53,464
Louisiana.....	12,891	14,959	27,850
Oklahoma.....	24,485	29,909	54,394
Texas.....	79,911	147,000	226,911
Montana.....	11,088	22,470	33,558
Idaho.....	17,796	17,755	35,551
Wyoming.....	4,894	3,556	8,450
Colorado.....	33,512	25,968	59,480
New Mexico.....	6,816	5,284	12,100
Arizona.....	12,836	35,555	48,391
Utah.....	11,548	1,956	13,504
Nevada.....	3,422	1,059	4,481
Washington.....	18,670	25,884	44,554
Oregon.....	15,761	12,542	28,303
California.....	93,064	127,578	220,642
United States.....	1,626,677	1,438,150	3,064,827
Same month, year ago.....	1,449,963	1,245,756	2,695,719

<sup>1</sup> All figures represent sales of farm products, plus Commodity Credit loans reported during the month minus Commodity Credit loans repaid during the month. For comparisons of cash receipts with earlier months and years, see issues of the Farm Income Situation.

## Cash Receipts From Farming and Index of Volume of Farm Marketing, United States<sup>1</sup>

	January 1961	February 1961
<b>CASH RECEIPTS:</b>	<i>Mil. dol.</i>	<i>Mil. dol.</i>
Total marketings and CCC loans <sup>2</sup> .....	3,065	2,300
Livestock and products .....	1,627	1,500
Meat animals .....	938	
Dairy products .....	408	
Poultry and eggs .....	247	
Other .....	34	
Crops .....	1,438	800
Food grains .....	222	
Feed crops .....	438	
Cotton (lint and seed) .....	234	
Oil-bearing crops .....	150	
Tobacco .....	82	
Vegetables .....	105	
Fruits and tree nuts .....	126	
Other .....	81	
Government payments .....	46	
Grand total .....	3,111	
	1947-49 = 100	
<b>VOLUME OF FARM MARKETINGS:</b>		
All commodities .....	143	104
Livestock and products .....	131	117
Crops .....	160	86

<sup>1</sup> For Comparison with earlier months and years, see issues of the Farm Income Situation. <sup>2</sup> Receipts from loans represent value of loans minus value of redemptions during the month.

### Farm-Retail Price Spreads

Farm-Retail Spread and Farmer's Share of the Consumer's Dollar for Market Basket of Farm-food Products

Year and month	Retail cost <sup>1</sup>	Farm value <sup>2</sup>	Farm-retail spread	Farmer's share
1960 average .....	1,052	\$ 408	\$ 644	39%
1960 Jan. ....	1,030	387	643	38%
1960 Dec. ....	1,067	421	646	40%
1961 Jan. ....	1,066	420	646	39%

<sup>1</sup> Retail cost of average quantities of farm foods purchased per urban wage-earner and clerical-worker family in 1952, calculated from retail prices collected by Bureau of Labor Statistics.

<sup>2</sup> Payment to farmers for equivalent quantities of farm produce minus imputed value of byproducts obtained in processing.

## Spring Farrowing Up From Last Year But Well Below Average

Number of sows farrowed and intended to farrow this spring (Dec. through May) in 10 Corn Belt States, estimated at 5,524,000 head, is 8 percent more than for same period a year ago but 9 percent below the 1950-59 average. All 10 States show an increase from a year earlier.

### More Hogs and Pigs Than Year Ago

Number of hogs and pigs, March 1, in the 10 states was 40.8 million head--up 4 percent from the 39.3 million a year earlier.

### 4 Percent More Early Lambs

Early lamb numbers in the principal early lamb States are up about 4 percent from a year ago. Number of breeding ewes in these States on January 1 was up 2 percent from a year earlier. The proportion of ewes lambing early also was above a year earlier. The 6 States showing an increase in the number of breeding ewes on farms and ranches January 1, were Kansas, Texas, Idaho, Washington, Oregon, and California; 5 States showing decreases were Missouri, Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, and Arizona.

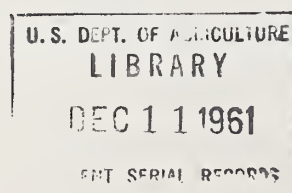
### Fewer Sheep and Lambs On Feed

Sheep and lambs on feed for market in 7 major feeding States totaled 1,588,000 head on March 1, 1961--down 35 percent below the number on January 1.

Of the total on feed in the 7 States, 579,000 were placed on feed during January and February. Marketings of fed sheep and lambs during January and February totaled 1,433,000 head for these States.



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